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In the words of Robert X. Cringely (from pbs.org):

Section III(J)(2) contains some very strong language against not-for-profits. Specifically, the language says that it need not describe nor license API, Documentation, or Communications Protocols affecting authentication and authorization to companies that don't meet Microsoft's criteria as a business: "... (c) meets reasonable, objective standards established by Microsoft for certifying the authenticity and viability of its business, ..."

This loophole (as well as others, but I find this the most offensive) are unacceptable.

Please reconsider the settlement decision.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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